
Subject: Re: IDL license costs in europe?

Posted by [jkeller](#) on Mon, 12 Apr 2010 07:42:48 GMT

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On Apr 11, 10:28 pm, markbates <mark...@gmail.com> wrote:

> hi everyone,

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> I've recently moved to an academic research institution in Germany and

> I asked our system administrator if he would install a floating

> network license for IDL, which I've been using for several years as a

> graduate student in the US. I was shocked when he told me that the

> price for a single user floating network license is 3000 euros, after

> our institution's 30% discount! This is almost 10 times the cost of

> the same license in the United States!

I did not know that the difference is that large! I'm working in Germany, too and I am lucky that my institute has a set of 35 floating licenses last year. However, discounts get larger, the more licenses are bought. The problem is that IDL is not distributed by ITTVIS but a "local" firm called Creaso. Creaso does nothing else than sell IDL in Europe, provide a mediocre support and - looking at the number you gave us - live quite good with it.

I think it would be better, if ITTVIS would distribute it themselves.

Sincerely

Jan

Subject: Re: IDL license costs in europe?

Posted by [penteado](#) on Mon, 12 Apr 2010 17:05:04 GMT

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On Apr 12, 4:42 am, jkeller <jkel...@uni-bonn.de> wrote:

> I think it would be better, if ITTVIS would distribute it themselves.

I completely agree. I have for a long time wondered what reasons ITTVIS could have for not selling directly to everybody, and why they let the distributors charge so much more. What do the local distributors do for us? Only get in the way, and charge a lot more than ITTVIS does in the US.

I am surprised that in Germany it is worse than in Brazil, where academic prices for fixed IDL-only licenses are R\$863 (~500 USD), and floating licenses cost R\$1380 (~780 USD). Commercial fixed licenses are R\$7188 (~4100 USD), and floating licenses are R\$12363 (~7000 USD).

I have been told that in the US a fixed academic license is \$300, and

a fixed commercial license is \$2500. Also, in the US there are student licenses for \$89.
